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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **NISHIUCHI, et al.**

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Examiner: **Richard R. BUEKER**

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For: **SURFACE TREATING APPARATUS (AS AMENDED)**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

April 9, 2007

In response to the Office Action dated **January 8, 2007**, with **April 8, 2007** being a Sunday, please amend the above-identified application as follows: